government can waive/modify the condition No. (i) above on a case-by-case basis. For the purpose of the downlinking guidelines, any channel, which has any element of news and current affairs in its programme content, will be deemed to be a news and current affairs channel.

Ban on smoking scenes in films

533. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is putting pressure on the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to ease ban on smoking scenes in the films;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Easing of the ban has not been requested. However, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have been requested to look into some of the implementational aspects of the notification in the light of the reservations expressed by the film industry. The matter is also *subjudice* as a case has been filed against the notification in the High Court of Delhi.

FM channels for teaching students

534. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan before his Ministry to have inclusive FM Channels for teaching students in the remote areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would think of having such a facility which will immensely help the students, particularly in the rural, remote and far flung areas to reply their queries and also helps by way of having on-air classrooms?